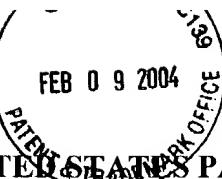


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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masatoshi DEGUCHI, et al.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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SIR:

It is hereby requested that a one month extension of time be granted to **FEBRUARY 22, 2004** for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated: **OCTOBER 22, 2003**
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of **\$110.00** is enclosed herewith by **credit card payment** and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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